

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Community Center  
Heritage Room  
365 Riley Road  
Dahlonega, Georgia**

**September 16, 2010**

**6:00 P.M.**

**\*As AMENDED**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Raber

**II. INVOCATION**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IV. PRESENTATION**

- State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Award – Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office  
    > *Presented by Sheriff Steve Cronic, Hall County, GA*

**V. PROCLAMATIONS**

- Community Helping Place  
    > *Official 2010 City of Dahlonega/Lumpkin County Collectors Ornament*

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- August 19, 2010 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- August 25, 2010 Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.
- September 2, 2010 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

- 2010-41 Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority - Refinance 2000 Series Revenue Bonds

**VIII. REPORTS**

- Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office or can be viewed on the Commissioners web page at [www.lumpkincounty.gov](http://www.lumpkincounty.gov)
- Elected Officials
- Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce & CVB
- SPLOST Management – *Kevin Hamby*

**IX. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

- Appalachian Trail Community Application (*Co. Mgr. Stan Kelley*)
- U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Benning, GA – Mutual Aid Agreement Fire Prevention & Firefighting Services (*Fire Chief Ed Eggert*)
- Fire Recovery USA (*Fire Chief Ed Eggert*)
- Pitney Bowes – Postage Meter Rental Agreement Justice Center (*Finance Allison Martin*)
- Old Republic/Phoenix Aviation-Airport Owners & Operators General Liability Insurance-ratify (*Risk Mgmt. Fran Sullens*)
- Georgia Mountains Regional Commission – Addendum CDBG Health Dept. Project (*Grants Mark French*)

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- Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority – Refinance 2000 Series Revenue Bond

**X. OTHER ITEMS**

- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) 2011 Projects
- Lumpkin Coalition, Inc – Hemlockfest Temporary Special Event License
- Blackburn Park Survey
- ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference Business Session – Official Call
  - 2010 Legislative Leadership Conference 10/04-06/2010
- Old Fashion Christmas Request
- \*Letter of Recommendation to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County

**XI. COMMENTS**

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONER
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Chairman Raber

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

**October 2010**

- ❖ Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center
- ❖ Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center

October 7, 2010 at 9:00 am  
October 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm

**November 2010**

- ❖ Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center
- ❖ Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center

November 4, 2010 at 9:00 am  
November 18, 2010 at 6:00 pm

**December 2010**

- ❖ Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center
- ❖ Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center

December 2, 2010 at 9:00 am  
December 16, 2010 at 6:00 pm

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

September 16, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Park & Recreation Community Center Heritage Room Main. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by County Manager Stan Kelley followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Chairman Raber.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion: Commissioner Bowden made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Bill Scott. No vote taken.*

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to amend the agenda to include under other items a letter of recommendation to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County Board. Clarence Grindle seconded the motion for this amendment. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

**PRESENTATION**

State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Award – Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office

Presented by Sheriff Steve Cronic, Hall County, GA

Sheriff Cronic presented the "best practices" award to Lumpkin County Sheriff Stacey Jarrard and the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office. This award acknowledges that the Sheriff's Office displays professionalism in law enforcement. Lumpkin County is one of only fifteen in Georgia that have achieved this. Lumpkin County Sheriff's Officer Darren Martin, who acted as Certification Manager, was also recognized with a plaque.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Community Helping Place - Official 2010 City of Dahlonega/Lumpkin County Collectors Ornament

The Community Helping Place has begun a series of Christmas collectible ornaments that celebrate and commemorate the uniqueness of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County and will make them available to all citizens, friends and supporters in an effort to raise funds for Community Helping Place programs.

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this proclamation which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 19, 2010 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

August 25, 2010 Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.

September 2, 2010 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

*Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stowers to approve these minutes by acclamation. That motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

## RESOLUTIONS

### 2010-41 Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority - Refinance 2000 Series Revenue Bonds

This resolution is to approve a bond resolution prepared for adoption by the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority authorizing the issuance of the \$2,690,000 LCWSA water revenue refunding bond, series 2010 and to authorize the execution of an intergovernmental contract between the county and the authority to secure payment of the series 2010 bond. This refinancing will realize a savings of \$522,069.50 over its lifetime.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott moved to approve this resolution which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

## REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office or can be viewed on the Commissioners web page at [www.lumpkincounty.gov](http://www.lumpkincounty.gov).

Elected Officials: None present wished to speak.

Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce & CVB: Stephen Smith reminded everyone that Six Gap Weekend will be September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. They are expecting 2,500 participants and all lodging is booked. He also spoke about the National Christmas Tree coming through Dahlonega over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

SPLOST Management: Kevin Hamby said the move to the Justice Center is on schedule for the week of September 20 and that the Health Department has completed their move to the new building. He announced that SPLOST was up \$27,000.00 last month.

## CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

### Appalachian Trail Community Application

This is a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners who will partner with the Chamber of Commerce, City of Dahlonega, North Georgia College & State University and Lumpkin County School system in the effort to receive the designation of an Appalachian Trail Community.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this letter of support which was seconded by Tim Bowden. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

### U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Benning, GA – Mutual Aid Agreement Fire Prevention & Firefighting Services

This agreement allows the Lumpkin County Fire Department and Camp Frank D. Merrill Fire Department to assist one another in firefighting when their departments are available to do so.

Term: 9/16/2010 until mutual agreement to cancel

Amount: N/A

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to approve this renewal agreement. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by District Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

### Fire Recovery USA

This agreement for billing services for EMS replaces a previous agreement with ERS. Fire Recovery USA will provide more quality control to LCFD.

Term: 9/16/2010 – 9/15/2011 (automatically renewable in one year increments)

Amount: 20% of funds collected on Fire Department claims

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to approve this agreement which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

### Pitney Bowes – Postage Meter Rental Agreement Justice Center

This agreement is for one central DM525 Digital Mailing System and specified peripherals for use at the Justice Center (Clerk of Court will give up her current machine).

Term: 60 Months  
Amount: \$263.00 per month, billed quarterly

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this agreement. That motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

Old Republic/Phoenix Aviation-Airport Owners & Operators General Liability Insurance

This is a renewal application for Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport.

Term: 10/1/2010 – 10/1/2011  
Amount: Not yet known

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Stowers to ratify this contract which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Georgia Mountains Regional Commission – Addendum CDBG Health Dept. Project

This addendum corrects an error in the term of the previously approved agreement.

Term: 3/23/2007 – 3/23/2011  
Amount: No change from previous agreement

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this addendum which was then seconded by Clarence Grindle. Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Program – Supplemental Subgrant Award District Attorney's Office

Grant Analyst Mark French explained that the paperwork for this grant did not arrive in time for the September Work Session. This grant was approved last fall but the county never received the funding intended for training. CJCC will now apply this \$4,547.00 to an existing grant. Matching funds of \$1,137.00 will come from the Enotah Circuit so it is budget neutral.

Term: 10/1/2009 – 9/30/2010  
Amount: \$4,547.00 award; \$1,137.00 matching (from Enotah Circuit)

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Tim Bowden. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Program – Continuation Application District Attorney's Office

If awarded this grant will provide \$53,030.00 which will require a \$13,258.00 cash match. It will allow the District Attorney's office to provide continued services through the Victim Assistance Program.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to approve this grant which was seconded by Bill Scott. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Comprehensive Victim Services Program – Continuation Application Sheriff's Office

Grant Analyst Mark French explained that this is an application for renewal of an existing position with the matching funds already included in the current budget. If awarded this grant will require matching funds of \$9,483.00 for the \$37,931.00 grant.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to approve this application. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority – Refinance 2000 Series Revenue Bond

The Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority requested authorizing the issuance of the \$2,690,000.00 Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2010 and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Contract between Lumpkin County and the Authority to secure payment of the Series 2010 Bond and for other purposes.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve which was seconded by Tim Bowden. The motion was approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

##### Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) 2011 Projects

This is a list of prioritized 2011 projects, work plan and program budget revision based on anticipated SPLOST revenues for 2011.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to approve the list of projects which was seconded by Bill Scott. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

##### Lumpkin Coalition, Inc – Hemlockfest Temporary Special Event License

This is a letter from the board stating no objection to the Lumpkin Coalition, Inc. obtaining a temporary permit from the State of Georgia Department of Revenue for the Hemlockfest scheduled to take place November 5-7, 2010 at 396 Starbridge Road, Murrayville, Georgia 30564.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve this letter which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. District Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

##### Blackburn Park Input Survey

This survey is intended to provide input from the public to the Blackburn Park Concept Committee to assist them as they create a conceptual plan for future public use of the park. Commissioner Bowden said it is intended that the survey be online and in the newspaper.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden made a motion to approve this survey. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

##### ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference Business Session – Official Call 2010 Legislative Leadership Conference 10/04-06/2010

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott moved to approve Chairman Raber as the voting member at the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference. That motion was seconded by Tim Bowden and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

##### Old Fashion Christmas Request

It was pointed out that Old Fashion Christmas is a 501(c) 3 so the county cannot make a donation. Georgia Law prohibits this.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to indefinitely postpone consideration of this matter. There was no second to his motion and following discussion he withdrew the motion.*

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden then moved to deny the request which was seconded by Bill Scott. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

##### Recommendation to Development Authority of Lumpkin County

Commissioner Stowers commented regarding the resignation of the Development Authority Director and recommended that the Board send a letter to the current Development Authority Board requesting that future Development Authority Directors be citizens and residents of Lumpkin County.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to send a letter to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County recommending that future Development Authority Directors be residents of Lumpkin County. That motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by all district commissioners.*

Commissioner Bowden said he would like for the Development Authority to have the opportunity to find the best possible candidate if that person is willing to move to Lumpkin County.

**COMMENTS**

**COUNTY MANAGER**

The County Manager had no comments.

**CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman said he has had many questions for his newspaper column.

**COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Stowers said he wants us to look closely at some of the grants we have had for a number of years, break them down, and determine if we are getting full benefit from them.

Commissioner Scott said he wants us to look at organization memberships to be sure it is worthwhile for us to be part of these organizations. He then said he wants to recognize Park & Recreation for the job they did on the gym floor, saving the county thousands of dollars. The YMCA also helped with their equipment and personnel.

Commissioner Bowden said there is not a whole lot of grant activity right now but if some grants do come up it would be good to be able to learn about them. For example, we learn about USDA grants through membership in organizations like Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D.

Commissioner Stowers said some may have noticed that Georgia Power is surveying in the south part of the county. He stated that he would like the Dahlonega Nugget to do an article explaining that the board sent a letter of objection three years ago. He pointed out that Georgia Power can take up to 300 feet for their transmission lines.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The County Attorney had no comments.

**PUBLIC**

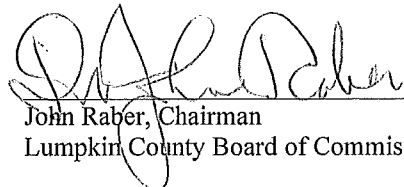
Citizen Gerald Lewy said he wanted everyone to be aware that the State revenue figures are in and it is the third straight month in a row that it has increased.

**ADJOURN**

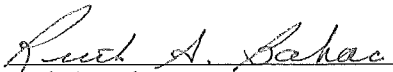
There being no further business Chairman Raber called for a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Stowers which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion and the meeting was adjourned.*

10/21/2010  
Date

  
John Raber, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
Ruth A. Bohac  
Clerk, Lumpkin County